TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY
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A GERMANIC LANGUAGE

Despite the fact that French and Latin make up more than one-half of our total words, we who speak English still have Germanic tongues. We find our Anglo-Saxon words easy and natural to say, spell and use. Most of our language difficulties come from the Romance element. We find such words hard to pronounce, hard to spell and hard to use.

And English grammar has been made all but incomprehensible because the scholars who invented it sought to pattern it after Latin, and adopted Latin terms for its nomenclature, where-s English is an inflectionless language that is as non-Latin in form as any other Germanic tongue.

Now, to get back to the subject of double-talk, let us demonstrate the dual character of our language by listing some familiar word pairs, keeping in mind that the first word is simple, blunt, matter of fact, and Anglo-Saxon, and that the second word is—well, let us say, a sort of Romance embroidery:

Build-construct; make-manufacture; body-corps; kin-relative; eatdine; book-volume; wander-meander; stream-river; see-observe; smell-odor; little-minute; feeltouch; work-labor; till-cultivate; think-imagine.

In prosaic usage the words are interchangeable. But when we wish to express ideas that are fanciful, complicated, intellectual, poetic, or which draw fine distinctions, we turn always to the more graceful and flexible Romance words, as, a construction engineer, an automobile manufacturer, a military corps, a theory of relativity, a volume of poetry, a meandering river, a scientific observation, a delicate odor, a minute particle, sense of touch, a labor union, a cultivated person, an imaginative novel.

Except for "a, an, of," all the foregoing words are from the French or Latin. There are no Anglo-Saxon words with which to express the exact ideas.

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From T. S. C., Houston: In his last speech, Secretary Byrnes said "stren'th." Many others do so. Please comment.

Answer: Both 'stren'th" and "len'th" are dialectal. Careful speakers will not omit the "g" sound. Indeed, it is good usage to follow "g" with the sound of "k," as: strengkth, lengkth.

TEEN-AGE TRIUMPHS By Stookie Allen

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Seek Clue to New Oil Pools

Geologists of Northwestern University Probe for Old Beach Locations.

CHICAGO.—New methods of exploration for petroleum, needed urgently to help replenish this nation's dwindling supply, are being sought through research now in progress in Northwestern university's geology department.

The work requires application of the geologic history of a region hundreds of millions of years ago to that knowledge gained through microscopic examination of rock samples taken from the earth's surface or taken from its interior through drilling.

Research is being conducted in the university geological laboratories and in field work in the Baraboo region of southern Wisconsin. Working on the project are William C. Krumbein, professor of geology, Edward C. Dapples, associate professor, and L. L. Sloss, lecturer.

Future Harder.

"Most of the easily found oil deposits in this country have been discovered within the last 25 years," Krumbein said. "Finding new deposits will be very difficult and will be largely a matter of determining the conditions under which various rock formations were formed."

Substantiating the need for such research the geologists stated that oil generally is found in domes or ridges (called anticlines) in rock formations in the earth where it was formed from organic matter by a process of decomposition, heat and pressure over a period of 60 million to several hundred million years. It usually is found in sandstone into which it seeps from other less porous rocks.

Sandstone is formed from beaches of prehistoric seas. By learning where and when these seas existed geologists will obtain their strongest clews to the location of new oil deposits.

Determination of the locations of these pre-historic beaches concerns the Northwestern researchers. By drilling, samples of rocks will be taken from the various levels, then examined in the laboratory to determine geologic history of the area examined.

Organic Deposits.

Clues as to whether a rock from a given depth was near a prehistoric sea are determined by the coarseness of the mineral grains, the variety of fossils and density of organic matter. Coarse grains are found on a sea bottom close to shore, whereas wave and current action carry silt and other finer grains toward the sea. Fossils of certain types are known to have lived in deep waters, others near shore. Organic deposits usually are found further offshore but adjacent to the sand.

Tracing these subsurface, prehistoric shore lines is complicated by the presence of bays, bars, spits and other shore features, Krumbein said. "A further difficulty is the cost of drilling which ranges from $100,000 to a million dollars for sinking an oil well," he said. "Because of the cost of the drilling, it is advantageous to supplement the data obtained by drilling with data on rock from outcrop belts exposed at the surface."

No oil in commercial quantities is to be found in the Baraboo region, he said, but the study of its unusual rock formations exposed by erosion during the last glacial age, may help geologists to learn how various sedimentary deposits were formed.

Army Must Develop Arctic Equipment

Test of Maneuvers in Alaska Demonstrate Need.

WASHINGTON—The war department said that Alaska test maneuvers had proved the army must develop new equipment if it expects to be an efficient fighting force in frigid climates.

Summarizing findings of task forces "Willwaw" and "Frigid," which will return soon from bases on Adak arft at Fairbanks, the department said the equipment included:

A light, portable shelter sturdy enough to stand heavy rain, fine snow and hurricane winds.

A motor oil which will not freeze at temperatures lower than 30 below zero.

Clothing which is warm without being too bulky to permit freedom of movement.

A tundra and mountain crossing vehicle which can carry personnel and supplies and is sturdy enough to need little maintenance.

A self-heating can for rations.

A different kind of tank from those used in temperate zones.

The current Armored Cavalry Journal quotes Col. Paul V. Kane, who commanded "Frigid," as saying flatly that tanks are "thoroughly impractical in the arctic."

Critics of such armor say tanks quickly bog down in the soft Aleutian tundra, the rough Alaska terrain immobilizes them, the lubricants freeze and 60 degrees below zero seems to be the breaking point for their crews.

The account said Kane estimated a man lost his efficiency at the rate of 2 per cent for every degree under zero. One officer spent six hours in a tank at subzero temperatures and reported his efficiency at the end of the period as nil.

Maj. Myron Johnson, tank test officer of "Frigid," and Capt. George J. Skeets, commanding Company B of the 66th tank battalion, disagreed with Colonel Kane. They said the present tank could be modified to surmount Arctic conditions.

War Widow Is Exonerated In Shooting of Molester

LOS ANGELES.—A coroner's jury exonerated Mrs. Ginevra Knight, 18, a war widow, in her shooting of Thomas Hounos, 24, described by police as a jockey, when he accosted her as she drove into the garage at her home.

It returned a verdict of justifiable homicide after she testified Hounos approached her, placed his hand over her mouth and said: "Don't scream or I'll kill you. I'm taking you with me."

She said she had gone into her house and got her gun before driving into the house because she "had been molested several times."

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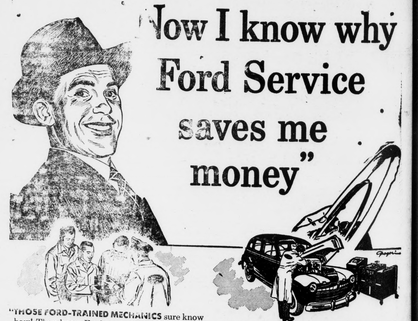
Ship Impales Whale on Its Bow in Mid-Pacific

LONDON.—The story of a whale that tangled with a ship—and lost—was told by Port Lines, ltd., operators.

The company said the master of its 11,745-ton Port Hobart reported the whale became impaled on the ship's bow in mid-Pacific. "It was still alive and the tail was thrashing in a mighty effort to regain freedom," the captain was quoted. It appeared as though the ship had cut through the fish for about half its length."

When the ship put astern the whale sank.



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Community Canneries Will Open In County July First

FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

Jack Martin has on display in his store a cushion-bottomed horse he found some years ago on the Lawyer Grounds area. It is in a fine state of preservation.

Ira Irby says has the best garden this year he has ever had, He showed us a prize Irish potato out of his garden that weighed 15½ ounces.

There has been lots of talk about memorials to war veterans. Various suggestions have been offered. How about naming one of the major cross-country highways the "Kilroy Highway."

Seen on a market stall selling honey: "Don't call her sweetheart, call her honey!"

Printed on a restaurant menu: "We reserve the right to charge a $1.00 hour cover charge, payable in advance, to those who linger at tables after finishing meal."

The March of Time: Out of the frying pan into the boogie age.

We're glad to be back in harness after a pleasant week in Florida. Big world, and wherever you go in the States, you'll find splendid towns and cities, fine farms and much to make you thankful for the privilege of being an American. Appomattox still looks pretty good to us, however.

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We were remarking to our friend Jim Wilkes that it was a very big year. He agreed, and added that when he was a boy, he thought the summer down near Pamplin, and set up around Spout Spring!

CARD OF THANKS

Prospect, June 23.- Mrs. Reva Agnes wishes to thank friends and neighbors for kindness shown from Red Oak Church.

Champion Cover Girls Pose Together

The nation's highest paid and most popular "cover girls" are Cheryl Archer, 8, and Francine Counihan, whose faces are known throughout the world. Cheryl gets $15 an hour for posing, which netted her nearly $10,000 last year. Miss Counihan, who receives $30 an hour, also piled up a sizeable income in 1946.

RED SOX WIN THREE

Wednesday afternoon, in one of the best games played here, the Appomattox Red Sox of the Virginia Central League, defeated the Lee Theatre team of the Skyline League at Kreiger went the route for the Red Sox, allowing six hits, while Toraine relieved Grimes in the eighth for Lee Theatre. The Sox collected four hits. A return game will be played during July.

Red Sox	000	000	040	4
Lee Theatre	000	000	200	2

In Saturday's game, Lathan Harvey's home run in the ninth with one man on, gave the Red Sox a 14 to 13 victory over Otter Hill. The local team collected 10 hits, including home runs by Robertson,Cobb and Harvey.Stanley relieved Phelps on the mound in the eighth and Guill took over in the same inning and was given credit for the win.

Red Sox	205	410	002	14
Otter Hill	021	000	550	13

At Amherst Sunday, the Red Sox outhit their opponents 11 to 7, to gain a 6 to 4 decision. Guill led at the bat for the local team, with three hits. Taylor was next with two, one being a four-bagger. Ernest Carter was on the mound for Appomattox and was credited with the win.

Red Sox	000	010	032	6
Amherst	000	101	002	4

This week-end, the team will play both games away, going to Hurt on Saturday and to Miller Park in Lynchburg Sunday to play Fairview Heights. The Red Sox are in first place in the Central League, having won 12 and lost one.

Play safe—drive carefully.

BATTING AVERAGES

LEE THEATRE BALL CLUB

	AB	H	AVE.
Grimes	16	7	.438
Overman	55	28	.436
Tucker	55	22	.400
Torain	14	5	.357
Mitchell	40	12	.300
Berry	51	15	.294
St. Clair	40	11	.275
Webb	41	11	.268
Leftwich	28	7	.250
Davidson	36	9	.250
Horton	17	4	.239
Reid	47	11	.234
Tyree	34	8	.230

Team average .316.

PITCHING RECORDS

Torain: won 4, lost 0.
Grimes: won 3, lost 0.
Horton: won 1, lost 3.
Wood: won 0, lost 1.

HOME RUNS: Mitchell 4, Davidson 4, Reid 2, Overman 2, Tucker 2, Leftwich 1.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS:
Glasgow 8, Lee Theatre 7.
Bedford 8, Big Island 7.
Buena Vista 7, Piney River 5.
Salem 4, Amherst 2.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Salem 7, Lee Theatre 6.
Big Island 6, Amherst 2.
Buena Vista 5, Bedford 4.
Glasgow 4, Piney River 3.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE:
Amherst at Appomattox
Big Island at Buena Vista
Glasgow at Salem
Piney River at Bedford.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
Glasgow at Appomattox
Buena Vista at Piney River
Bedford at Big Island.
Salem at Amherst.

BACK HOME AGAIN By Ed Dodd

Bethany

Bethany, June 24.- Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Paulette, of Roanoke and Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe, Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Paulette over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Harvey are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harvey, of Richmond visited in the same home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette and family, of Halifax and Miss Ida Lee Thornhill, of Newport News spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baker visited in the same home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Herbert Deadman and children, of Petersburg are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paulette Sunday evening.

Mrs. Corinne Paulette visited her father, who is ill in Richmond, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Elliott recently visited Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Lions Club Installs New Officers

New officers will be installed at a Ladies Night meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club tonight to be held at 6:45 in the local school cafeteria. The banquet will be served by ladies of the Appomattox U. D. C.

New officers of the club are:

President, C. G. O'Brien

First vice-president, George F. Abbitt, Jr.

Second vice-president, Chas. T Moses, Sr.

Third vice-president, J. A. Burke

Secretary, C. S. Booth

Tail Twister, E. D Tegethoff.

G. F. Abbitt, Jr. heads the entertainment committee for the banquet.

Barn Dance Saturday Night

A Dixie Barn Dance will be presented at the Appomattox High School Auditorium Saturday night, June 28, at 8:00 o'clock. Favorite hillbilly music will be offered.

Listed among the performers are Mack and Jack, Lawrence Nash,of Radio Station WSVA; the Virginia Mountain Boys with the Howard Brothers; Tennessee Railsplitters, Paulette Brothers, and others.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Home Demonstration Agent's Schedule, Week of June 30, July 5

Monday, June 30.- Wreck Island Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. J. L. Harrison at 2:00 P. M. Demonstration: Color in making home more livable.Slides on color will be shown.

Tuesday, July 1.- Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. H. A. Torrence at 2:00 P. M. Demonstration on home safety.

July 2 and 3.- L. C. Beamer, garden specialist, of Blacksburg, will visit and score 4-H girls' gardens.

4-H Club members are urged to send in their reservations for the Camp at Holliday Lake July 7th through 12. We have a quota of only 20 girls and 15 boys. The first to send in reservations will be the ones who attend.

Attend church regularly.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Senate asked for more funds by War Department.

Romantic River Boat Era Coming to Close

One of the last of the romantic old packet boats still plying the Mississippi comes to grief on a sandbar near Grand Tower, Ill. The Golden Eagle settled into shallow water close to shore when a five-foot hole was torn in her bow. Forty-four passengers and 47 crewmen escaped without injury.

Notice on Local Store Closing

It was announced today that most local stores will remain open all day next Wednesday, July 2, and will be closed next Friday, July 4th.

It has been a practice here for most stores to close for the July 4th holiday, and it was held inadvisable to close two days or parts of days in the same week, hence the general decision to remain open all day Wednesday. After the holiday week, most stores will return to the summer practice of closing Wednesday afternoons.

Home Society Drive Planned

W. S. Taylor and W. M. Abbitt of Appomattox have again accepted the co-chairmanship of the 1947 financial campaign of the Children's Home Society of Virginia in Appomattox County, it was announced by Wilfred A. Roper of Richmond, who heads the state-wide drive.

The date for the local drive has been set to begin June 26.

MR. WILLIAM H. FERGUSON

William Hopkins Ferguson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Cawthorne, Tuesday, June 17.

He was born in Appomattox County October 19, 1856, and lived virtually all of his long and useful life in this county. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

He is survived by the following children: Floyd F., John W., and Lacy W. Ferguson, all of Lynchburg; Walter W. Ferguson, of Richmond; Everett R. Ferguson, of Appomattox; Mrs. Manita Foster, of Richmond; Mrs. Frank Fleshman, of Appomattox; Mrs. Curtis Martin, of Richmond; Mrs. Peyton Harvey, of Evergreen, and Mrs. Cawthorne.He also leaves 21 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from Central Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, the Rev. C.G. Carter officiating. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: John Ferguson, Ray Ferguson, Albert Harvey, Ralph Martin, Floyd Ferguson and Donald Ferguson.

We extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

Try a Classified Ad.

The Appomattox and Pamplin School Community Canneries will open on Tuesday, July 1, at 8:30 A. M.

The shedule at Appomattox will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday for white patrons.

Tuesday and Thursday for colored patrons.

At Pamplin, the schedule is:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for white patrons.

Wednesday for colored patrons,

Patrons are required to bring the following supplies to the cannery: salt, dish towels, hand towels, knives, soap and pans, also any other utensils needed.

Patrons may bring produce between the hours of 8:30 A. M. and 1:00 P. M. Only tin cans may be used, which can be purchased at the cannery.

New equipment has been added to both canneries this year for the convenience of the patrons. A large cooking retort and a steam jacket kettle has been installed in each cannery. Appomattox cannery has also added two small cooking retorts and an individual sink for washing produce.

As the new canning season begins, all patrons are encouraged to select high quality produce to be canned.

Present Tablet In Memory of Thos. Bocock

On next Monday, June 30, at 11:30 A.M., the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will present to the State of Virginia a tablet to the memory of Thomas S. Bocock that has been placed in the Old Hall of Delegates in the Capital at Richmond.

Mr. Bocock, a native of what is now Appomattox County, served in the Congress of the United States prior to the War Between the States, and was Speaker of the Confederate Congress during the war.

A number from here plan to attend Monday's presentation.

OBSERVED YOUTH WEEK

The B.T.U. of Spout Spring Baptist Church observed Youth Week Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock. The subject for the discussion was "The Home." Mrs. Elsie Perdieu gave a talk on the subject, "My Home Today."Alice Jennings spoke on "Homes Tomorrow." Bolden McCormick talked on "Enemies of The Home." A solo, "Does Jesus Care?" was sung by Doris Franklin. The Junior Class sang several choruses.

Austin On Dean's List

James C. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Austin, of Appomattox has again completed his semester's work at the University of Virginia with a dean's list average.

He conducted a revival at Gladstone last week.

He will return to the University of Virginia June 30th for the summer session.

Federal agency is investigating miner's walk-out.

New areas menaced by floods.

House votes to extend RFC.

General Eisenhower accepts the presidency of Columbia University.

One gas company begins allotments to consumers.